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1. Location

This airfield is being constructed in a thick woodland 10 km. west of Querfurt, about 1 km. south of and parallel to the main Querfurt-Lodersleben-Allstedt road. Within the northwest corner of this woodland, a clearing measuring approximately 3-3½ km. x 500 m. has been cleared of trees, the roots have been removed and the surface is in the process of being levelled. A hunting lodge located at MR 707 951, approximately midway along the southern perimeter of this clearing, is being demolished. 25X1

2. Contractors

- a. The construction of the airfield is being undertaken by Bauunion Brandenburg which, to date, has a total of 700 German workmen employed on the site. It is understood that as many as 2,000 workmen will be employed on the project by the late summer of 1955 when the main runway and building program is scheduled to commence. Difficulties are being experienced in obtaining the necessary new labor. The morale of the workmen now employed is very low due to the high "norm" that is expected, the extremely poor quarters and inadequate food. Over Easter 1955, at least 100 workmen from this airfield were absent, seriously ill with a severe attack of gastro-enteritis.
- b. Bauunion Halle has a detachment of approximately 40 to 50 German workmen on the site engaged on the construction of a permanent, standard gauge railway siding, connecting the airfield to Querfurt-West railway station. This rail spur, which is single track, was scheduled to be in operation by 1 May, but numerous difficulties have been experienced, due mainly to the undulating local terrain. To date, the track has so far only been completed as far as the town of Lodersleben. Local workmen employed on the project estimate that the spur cannot be fully completed until about mid-June at the earliest.

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3. Airfield Construction Progress

- a. Work on the project is being undertaken on a three shift basis, a series of powerful electric lamps having been erected along the cleared site to enable night work to continue. A powerful mobile generator has been installed on the northern perimeter of the clearing, supplying power to this electrical system. As yet, no excavations or other preparations for the laying down of the runway are apparent.
- b. A responsible German official stated in conversation with a visiting German official that many obstructions were being met with on this project, due mainly to the difficult nature of the ground, drainage, water supply, etc. There was every possibility, he said, of the project being abandoned and equipment being transferred to a new airfield project near Wolgast.
- c. There is, as yet, no water supply anywhere on the site, all water being brought daily by tank trucks from a brewery in Allstedt.
- d. A hutted quartering site to accommodate German workmen employed on the project is under construction alongside the road leading southwards from the main Lodersleben-Allstedt road. The foundations of these huts are of brick and are believed to be intended for permanent occupation when the airfield is eventually completed.
- e. There is very little heavy equipment on the site, there being only four mechanical excavators, approximately six steam tractors and three bulldozers.

4. Supplies

All supplies for this site are transported by road from the Querfurt railway station. There is no large cement storage shed on the airfield.

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